

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
January 12, 2012

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Carol Massie, and Dan Chismire. Not Present: Thaddeus Smith and Don Mushin. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fabio Conti. Not Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson, Roxanna Sassanian, and Patrick Olmstead. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, and Bill Farrar Andrews International; Officer Irv Isabella, LAPD; Lt Schow, Lt. Rodriguez, and Deputy Rodriguez, LASD; Angela Motta, CD-13. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: John Lupo, Property Owner; Anthony Bell, Space 1520; Cee Fetherson, Hollywood Frontier.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair John Tronson at 10:06 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: No Public Comment
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved their meeting notes from their November 10, 2011 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler provided the board with his annual report, which reviewed various arrests, homeless outreach, and other Security activities which BID Patrol had been involved in during 2011. This past year BID Patrol has made over 1,300 arrests and were instrumental in working with such outreach providers as PATH, Gett Love, and Blessed Sacrament to help several homeless individuals get off the street and into permanent supportive resources.

B. Report from LAPD: Officer Isabella briefed the board on what had occurred with the Sunset and Vine shooter, and the recent Hollywood arson fires. Isabella also reported on activities related to New Year's Eve and informed the committee that it was one of the smoothest LAPD had experienced in several years. While overall crime in the area is down, Officer Isabella did say that property crime continues to be an issue in the district. The senior lead officers were planning a task force later that evening to address property crime. Isabella has also been speaking with senior leads in other areas about shoplifting. Isabella said it has been frustrating for the police department as stores will usually not press charges against a violator, but instead just ask that their merchandise be returned.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Lt. Schow discussed with the committee some of the recent operations that the Sheriffs had planned for this year at the Metro rail stations. Lt. Schow also reported that at the end of 2011 the LASD ran a large task force which saturated a majority of the Metro lines. This year, as the Sheriff's department is redeployed, Lt Schow introduced the committee to Deputy Tom Rodriguez who will now be overseeing the Red Line.

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Lt. Matt Rodriguez said that the committee should not be worried in the least bit about the LASD redeployment. Lt. Rodriguez assured the committee that the Hollywood BID has the LASD's full pledged support, and that as their department continues to grow it will result in positive changes for the Metro lines and stations. Morrison thanked the Sheriff's department for their continued dedication to Hollywood.

VI. New Business

A. BID Activities

1. Andrews Change Order for 2012: Morrison reported that she felt it might be a good idea to postpone the Security RFP until later in the year as it would be important for the BID to keep a reliable and steady vendor during the summer months, when populations are higher in the BID areas. The committee agreed and stated they too would like to defer the RFP until a later time.

2. Status of Video Surveillance Camera System: Mariani reported that after he and Morrison discussed with Jeff Briggs the idea of Andrews monitoring the cameras for maintenance purposes, the two felt engaging in such a process could open the BID and Andrews to liability. However, with the recent arrest of the arson suspect and the help of Hollywood and Highland cameras, the LAPD has had a renewed focus and emphasis on the importance of keeping the cameras running. As for the stolen transmitter at Whitley, Mariani has reached out to another property owner in the Hollywood/Whitley area to see if he would be willing to host both the camera and repeater on his building.

3. Nightclub Promoter's Licensing: Morrison informed the committee that she is continuing to research the idea of the city licensing nightclub promoters. The idea which came from West Hollywood's ordinance has been picking up community support, as some problematic promoters have continued to come to Hollywood to host events. Morrison is also working on reaching out to property owners who have nightclubs as tenants. Captain Girmala has agreed to meet with these owners to better inform them as to what has been occurring in the area. The committee also suggested possibly including in the ordinance a clause where promoters have to put up a cash bond before they host an event.

V. Old Business

A. Homeless Outreach Update:

a. Winter Shelter: Mariani let the board know that the Hollywood Winter Shelter was now officially open and will be running through March 4, 2012.

b. Report on Contributions to Support Homeless Outreach from HPOA Board: Last month the HPOA board voted to give a combined total of \$50,000 to be split between PATH and Blessed Sacrament Social Services. The board recognized these two agencies for consistently being at the forefront of helping BID Security and other agencies in housing some of Hollywood's most vulnerable homeless population.

B. Community Impact Team – Meeting Update: Morrison shared with the committee a letter which was sent to her office last week from a family who was harassed by a couple of characters during their recent visit to Hollywood. The letter has brought a renewed sense of commitment to the Community Impact Team (CIT) to solve this issue. Dan Chismire had

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recently shared with the CIT the idea of setting up a meeting with Carol Sobel to get her help on how she thinks the issue should be solved. Carol Massie also shared that her McDonald's at Hollywood and Highland is constantly receiving complaints from patrons about the Characters and Tour operators. Morrison said that at the last CIT meeting the City Attorney had also brought up the idea of contacting the State Franchise Tax Board to have them investigate the characters. Mitch O'Farrell had planned on reaching out to the Tax Board to see if a representative could come out. Lastly, Mariani said that LADOT had reported at the meeting that an LAMC code (80.73b) supposedly would allow DOT to ticket food truck and tour busses multiple times for parking violations. However, according to Sgt. Hsiung from LADOT someone had asked that the department not continue to ticket trucks multiple times. Mariani has asked LADOT to research the LAMC section to try and find out exactly what the code says and what has occurred to prevent proper enforcement.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair John Tronson at 11:30 a.m.